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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 6, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

A. Introductory Comments

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 6, 2005 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 6, 2005 Office Action was due October 6, 2005. Applicant filed an Amendment on October 6, 2005. In an Advisory Action dated November 4, 2005, the Examiner ruled that the October 6, 2005, Amendment would not be entered because it allegedly raised new issues, and also stated that the final rejection dated July 6, 2005, continued to run. Applicant is today filing a Request for Continued Examination, along with a Petition for a three

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month extension of time, from October 6, 2005 to January 6, 2006, to respond to the July 6, 2005, Office Action. A response is now due on January 6, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.